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DURING ANY WAR, BOTH FRIEND AND FOE SPRING SURPRISES AND SECRET WEAPONS ON EACH OTHER! BUT NOBODY EVER CAME UP WITH THE KIND THE JAPANESE DID BACK IN MARCH 1945, DURING WORLD WAR II! THEY WERE DESPERATE BECAUSE OUR ISLAND-HOPPING GYRENES WERE GETTING MIGHTY CLOSE TO JAPAN, AND TO STOP OUR MARINES, THE JAPANESE WERE READY TO TRY ANYTHING!

INVASION

FOUR DAYS AGO, THIS ATOLL BELONGED TO THE JAPS... TODAY IT'S OURS, SARGE... AN' SO'S THIS BEAUTIFUL TRACTOR I CAN TAKE APART!

TINKER... LOOK! A WHOLE MESS OF MIDGET PLANES ARE HEADING FOR OUR SUPPLY SHIPS!

THOSE AREN'T MIDGET PLANES! THEY'RE JAP BOMBS WITH WINGS!

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PLEASE DON'T SELL THESE SCANS

CRUMPLED UP INSIDE THE TINY COCKPIT OF EACH ONE OF THE BOMBS-WITH-WINGS WAS A JAP PILOT...

AND EACH OF THEM PICKED OUT A TARGET AND NOSED HIS TNT-LOADED MIDGET PLANE TOWARD IT...

THEY RAMMED THE WHOLE WORKS INTO WHAT THEY'D AIMED AT...

BUT MARINE GUNNERS ON SHORE SAW TO IT THAT A LOT OF THE JAPS WENT VISITING THEIR ANCESTORS EMPTY-HANDED!

NOW OVER *THERE*, SARGE!

AND THEN THERE WERE NONE... BUT THREE U.S. NAVY SUPPLY SHIPS WERE LEFT BURNING...

CREWS OF THE SHIPS ARE BEING PICKED UP, SIR! BUT WHAT *WERE* THOSE THINGS?

JAPAN'S NEW SECRET WEAPON!

WHEN MARINE CORPS H.Q. ON GUAM GOT THE REPORT, THEY WERE GREATLY CONCERNED...

BAKA BOMBS... THAT'S WHAT THEY ARE! RELEASED FROM A PARENT PLANE MILES AWAY FROM A TARGET, THEN PILOTED BY JAP VOLUNTEERS WHO RAM THE TNT-FILLED FUSELAGE INTO THEIR OBJECTIVE!

WE *KNEW* THE JAPS WERE WORKING ON *SOMETHING*, BUT WE DIDN'T KNOW THAT IT WOULD BE THIS FANTASTIC WEAPON!

JAPAN

THEIR ***BAKA BOMBS*** COULD STOP THE INVASION OF JAPAN! WE MUST FIND OUT ***WHERE*** THEY ARE MADE AND FROM WHERE THE PARENT PLANES TAKE ***OFF*** TO LAUNCH THE ***FLYING BOMBS!***

THE ***MEN*** TO DO THAT... ***ARE THE MARINES!***

AW, SARGE, WE CAN'T LEAVE THIS PLACE NOW... NOT WHEN I ALMOST GOT THIS OLD JAP TRACTOR GOING!

GET YOUR GEAR TOGETHER, TINKER, 'CAUSE THE WHOLE OUTFIT IS SHOVIN' OFF IN THE MORNING!

THERE WAS NOTHING BETTER THAT "TINKER" TUMBLESON LIKED TO DO THAN TINKER WITH SOMETHING MECHANICAL, AND LEAVING THAT TRACTOR BEHIND THE NEXT MORNING WAS LIKE LEAVING HIS BEST GAL!

AW, DON'T TAKE IT SO HARD, TINKER! HERE'S MY WATCH TO TAKE APART... IT'S NO GOOD SINCE A JAP WHACKED IT DURING BATTLE!

TWO DAYS LATER, THE MARINES WERE BATTLE-READY AND HEADING FOR ANOTHER ATOLL... AND ANOTHER *INVASION!*

HEY, TINKER! QUIT MONKEYIN' WITH THAT WATCH AN' GET READY!

OKAY, SARGE!

JAP MACHINE GUNS BEGAN PLOWING UP THE BEACH, AS THE MARINES CAME SPILLING OUT OF THE NAVY LANDING CRAFTS...

THEN THE BATTLE MOVED UP TO GRENADE RANGE...

AND ANOTHER FOUR HOURS LATER, IT CLOSED IN TO FIST TO FIST FIGHTING!

THIS'S ANOTHER ATOLL TO ADD TO OUR CHAIN, HUH, CAP'N?

YEAH, SARGE... BUT IT'S *NOT* THE *SPECIAL ONE* WE'RE *LOOKING* FOR! SO WE'LL HAVE TO TRY *ANOTHER* ONE!

FROM THERE, THE MARINES HOPPED TO NAMURI ATOLL...

THAT WASN'T THE RIGHT ONE EITHER, SO THEY HIT YUKATA...

NO BAKA BOMBS OR PARENT PLANES THERE SO THEY POUNCED ON GOGATSU ATOLL...

WHICH ONE'S NEXT, CAP'N?

TSUKI!

THIS ONE MUST BE IT, SIR, THE WAY THE JAPS ARE FIGHTING TO HOLD IT!

YEAH, SARGE... LOOKS LIKE WE HIT IT AT LAST!

THOSE MUST BE THE JAP PARENT PLANES TAKING OFF TO ESCAPE OUR INVASION!

OUR NAVY GUNS WILL TAKE CARE OF THEM WHILE WE TAKE THE REST OF THE ATOLL!

CAP'N! LOOK! THIS ATOLL IS ALSO THE PLACE WHERE THE BAKA BOMBS ARE MANUFACTURED!

LET'S GO AND PUT THE JAPS OUT OF WORK, SARGE!

THE AMERICAN MARINES ATTACK, COLONEL! SHALL WE DESTROY THE FACTORY AND THE BAKA BOMBS?

NO! I SENT A RADIO MESSAGE TO TOKYO... AND OUR INVASION FLEET IS ON ITS WAY! WE WILL ALLOW THE AMERICANS TO CAPTURE THE FACTORY AND US!

THE MARINES TOOK THE ATOLL, BUT ALL NIGHT THEY WONDERED WHY THE JAPS GAVE UP SO EASILY AND WHY THEY DIDN'T BLOW UP THE WORKS...

COMES THE DAWN IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE, CAP'N! LOOK DOWN THERE!

A JAP *INVASION FLEET!* THEY'VE COME TO *RETAKE* THE ATOLL AND THEIR BAKA BOMB FACTORY... AND *OUR FLEET HAS GONE!*

THERE'RE FIVE TIMES MORE TROOPS IN THOSE SHIPS THAN *WE'VE* GOT, CAP'N! IF WE HAD SOME BIG GUNS, WE COULD STOP THEM...

WAIT! SH-H! WHAT'S THAT NOISE?

THE CAPTAIN HEARD A LOUD SWISH...THEN ANOTHER...

SOMEBODY'S SHELLIN' THE JAP FLEET!

OR BOMBING THEM! BUT WHO? WHERE ARE THE PLANES... OR THE ARTILLERY?

THE MARINES ON THE ATOLL ARE USING OUR OWN *BAKA BOMBS AGAINST US!*

AND MORE COME! OUR INVASION FLEET WILL BE DESTROYED BEFORE WE REACH THE SHORE!

THE JAP GENERAL WAS SO RIGHT! ONLY THEIR WRECKAGE REACHED THE BEACHES!

I KNEW THERE COULD ONLY BE ONE ANSWER TO THE BAKA BOMB BARRAGE, CAP'N... AND THIS IS IT! "TINKER" TUMBLESON!

ALL IT TOOK WAS A COUPLE OF TURNS ON A FEW SCREWS IN THE BAKA BOMB CONTROLS AND THEN I SENT THEM FLYING WITHOUT PILOTS!

AND HERE'S YOUR WATCH, SARGE! I FIXED *THAT* TOO!

AREN'T MARINES WONDERFUL?

USMC THE END

CASTLE PERILOUS

ON the wall of the great vaulted chamber were the imperial arms. They had once been the insignia of Charlemagne, Charles the Great. Charlemagne had been a big man, physically big, enormously strong. He had also been crafty and brave and a great talker, though he was unable to write or sign his name.

Beneath the banner of the old Emperor rested a throne, and upon the throne sat another Charles. But this Charles was different. His ancestors had been either big or fat or tall or thin. And Charles was none of these things. His face, too, was curiously devoid of expression, and though he had been known to smile or frown infrequently, there are those who said the King of France was an empty-head. He was called, therefore, Charles the Simple. He could write and he could talk, though he did little of either.

Before the throne was an immense oaken table of carven wood. And around the table stood six of the King of France's nobles who were headed by the Baron de Giac. They were, themselves, all big men, broad of shoulder and stout of heart, and full of loyalty toward their king.

Beneath the Baron's hand rested a huge, crudely drawn map inscribed upon parchment. At one point it had been marked in red. De Giac pointed to the mark.

"I am glad we have had the opportunity of audience with Your Majesty," he said. "We have sad news to report. With the fall of the castle of Verneaux, we have expected peace. But there is not full peace in France. The castle and town of Hugh de Brissot still hold out."

Charles said nothing.

"The Count de Brissot has refused to pay taxes," de Giac went on. "Brissot defies the royal orders Your Majesty has given through us to open the gates of his castle and town."

There was still another moment of silence. The king shifted slightly on his throne and spoke, finally.

"You have a large force of men available . . . men-at-arms and knights?" Charles the Simple asked.

Baron de Giac and the others nodded.

"You have supplies, weapons?"

Again they nodded.

"Your own men are not rebellious?"

"They are loyal, Majesty," the Baron answered for all.

"Then why have you not taken the castle of Brissot?" The king asked.

"It is a difficult task," de Giac explained. "The walls are fifty feet high, and very thick. De Brissot is well provisioned. His engines of war are as good as our own. He has everything necessary to withstand a siege. Yes, it will be very difficult, and a complicated task to take the castle of Brissot and teach the Count submission to his king."

The king rose, paused on the dais of the great throne for a moment in thought.

"Unfortunately," he said, "I cannot advise you well without much thought. I am not a military man, and if I were, I would conduct warfare in the way I live . . . very simply." He smiled. "You see, my friends, there is a good deal less trouble in simplicity." He sighed. "And now, if you don't mind, I will walk in the garden and think about your problem. I will let you know about what I have decided as soon as possible."

The Barons and Counts looked at each other and then bowed. When the king had gone, de Giac snorted.

"'Charles the Simple'!" He cried. "He should be called 'Charles the Dullard'!"

The Count de Poligny looked at him thoughtfully.

"Charles is not an idiot," he said, "though even if he were, I would not discount his advice. Many an idiot has been known, in fact, for the wisdom he gives because other matters do not weigh on his mind." He glanced at the nobles shrewdly. "You have heard of the wisdom of kings' fools and jesters. It is possible that a king might possess such wisdom."

Again de Giac snorted.

The king did not send for his nobles the next morning nor the next. In fact he did not send for them for an entire week. In the meantime, de Giac and his fellow nobles grew restless. But the king said nothing about the intended campaign against the Count de Brissot. He walked in his garden and lived as simply as he always had, and spoke little.

Finally, when the seventh day

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YES... IT WILL BE BIGGEST CATCH...UNLESS I GET YOU FIRST... AND I INTEND TO DO SO, YANKEE MARINE!
J-465

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AT THE SIGHT OF THE COMMIE GENERAL'S PISTOL, GUNNY GORSKI SWERVED H.S SPEEDING JEEP INTO THE OTHER VEHICLE...

THANKS FOR THE JOLT THAT MADE HIM MISS, GUNNY... BUT *I'M NOT* GOING TO!

STOP THIS GALLOPING SCOOTER AND GET OUT!

YES... I STOP...

..BUT *YOU*, YANKEE... NOT VEHICLE!

GUNNY! RAM HIM!

GUNNY'S COMBAT BOOT HIT THE GAS PEDAL, AND WHEN HE CAUGHT UP TO THE COMMIE CAR, HE GAVE THE STEERING WHEEL HARD RUDDER RIGHT...

CRASH!

WELL DONE, GUNNY! YOU PLASTERED THAT JEEP AGAINST THE WALL LIKE A HUNK OF WALLPAPER!

THE TWO GYRENES HAD TO WALK BACK TO THEIR OUTFIT WITH THEIR PRISONERS...

LOOK WHAT WE BROUGHT YOU, CAP'N KANE!

A COMMIE GENERAL! YOU SURE HIT THE RED JACK POT THIS TIME!

WE'VE BEEN ORDERED TO MOVE UP TO SPEARHEAD A BIG SURPRISE ATTACK!

THEN I'LL STORE THESE COMMIES IN THE STOCKADE UNTIL YOU'RE READY FOR THEM, SIR!

THAT NIGHT, FROM THE BARBED-WIRE PRISON, GENERAL GOW-YOK WATCHED AS AN ENDLESS LINE OF MARINES AND TANKS MOVED FAST, TOWARD THE FRONT...

OUR FORCES DO NOT EXPECT A FULL SCALE ATTACK IN THIS SECTOR, AND ARE NOT PREPARED FOR ONE!

OUR FORCES MUST BE WARNED OF THE COMING ATTACK!

WHEN MORNING CAME TO KOREA, THE MARINES WERE IN HIDDEN POSITIONS, WAITING FOR TEN O'CLOCK TO BEGIN THE ATTACK!

STILL A COUPLE MORE HOURS UNTIL ZERO-HOUR, MIKE, SO LET'S GO TAKE A LOOK AT YOUR B.G.-SHOT PRISONER!

HE'S TUCKED AWAY IN OUR STOCKADE

HALT!

IT'S THE GENERAL AND HIS DRIVER! THEY'VE BUSTED OUT OF THE STOCKADE!

THEY DUG A TUNNEL UNDER THE FENCE FROM THEIR SLEEPING SHACK DURING THE NIGHT!

YEAH, GUNNY... AND THEY SAW OUR TROOPS AND TANKS MOVING UP FOR THE ATTACK, WHICH ***WON'T*** BE A ***SURPRISE,*** IF THEY GET AWAY TO WARN THE REDS!

THEY ARE SHOOTING AT US! WE BETTER SURRENDER!

NO, COMRADE GENERAL! IF WE CAN REACH THAT PARKED VEHICLE, WE WILL MAKE GOOD OUR ESCAPE!

GUNNY! YOU AND MIKE GRAB THAT 'CYCLE AND GO AFTER THEM... AND DON'T COME BACK WITHOUT THEM!

AYE, CAP'N KANE!

THE YANKEE MARINES PURSUE US, COMRADE GENERAL!

THEN DRIVE FASTER! WE MUST OUTRUN THEM, OR ***STOP*** THEM!

THE CHASE KEPT ON, AND LED OVER MOUNTAIN ROADS THAT HAD MORE CURVES THAN A CORKSCREW..

AND AS GUNNY'S MOTORCYCLE CAME AROUND ONE OF THOSE BENDS, IT FOUND SOMETHING LEFT BEHIND BY THE REDS...

HA! THAT BOULDER WRECKED THEIR VEHICLE! NOW NOTHING CAN STOP US FROM WARNING OUR TROOPS!

A COMMIE OBSERVER SPOTTED THE APPROACHING JEEP...

IT IS GENERAL GOW-YOK! HE HAS ESCAPED FROM THE AMERICANS!

BUT HIS VEHICLE RIDES TOWARD THE HIDDEN MINE FIELDS WE PLANTED TO STOP THE SURPRISE ATTACK WHICH OUR SPIES HAVE REPORTED WILL SOON COME!

WE APPROACH OUR FRONT LINES, COMRADE GENERAL!

IT WON'T BE LONG NOW!

MIKE, LOOK! THE GENERAL'S JEEP BLEW UP!

AYE! THEY DROVE RIGHT INTO A HIDDEN MINE FIELD, WHICH MUST'VE BEEN PUT THERE TO STOP OUR GYRENES!

BOOM!

"IRON MIKE" McGRAW AND "GUNNY" GORSKI RAN TO REPORT THE VITAL INFO!

YOU TWO SAVED THE ENTIRE OUTFIT... ***AND*** THE ATTACK! RED SPIES MUST'VE FOUND OUT ABOLT OUR ATTACK AND THE ENEMY WAS READY FOR US WITH THAT MINE FIELD!

BUT NOW WE ***KNOW*** IT'S THERE... SO WE WILL ATTACK ***AROUND*** IT, HUH, CAPTAIN?

AND AS THE REDS WAITED FOR THE ATTACK TO COME OVER THE MINE FIELD, TWO PLATOONS OF MARINES HIT THEM FROM THE LEFT FLANK! AND THE OTHER TWO PLATOONS BANGED IN FROM THE RIGHT!

THOUGH THE REDS ***KNEW*** AN ATTACK WAS COMING, THEY DIDN'T KNOW FROM ***WHERE***... AND IT ***STILL*** WAS A ***SURPRISE ATTACK!***

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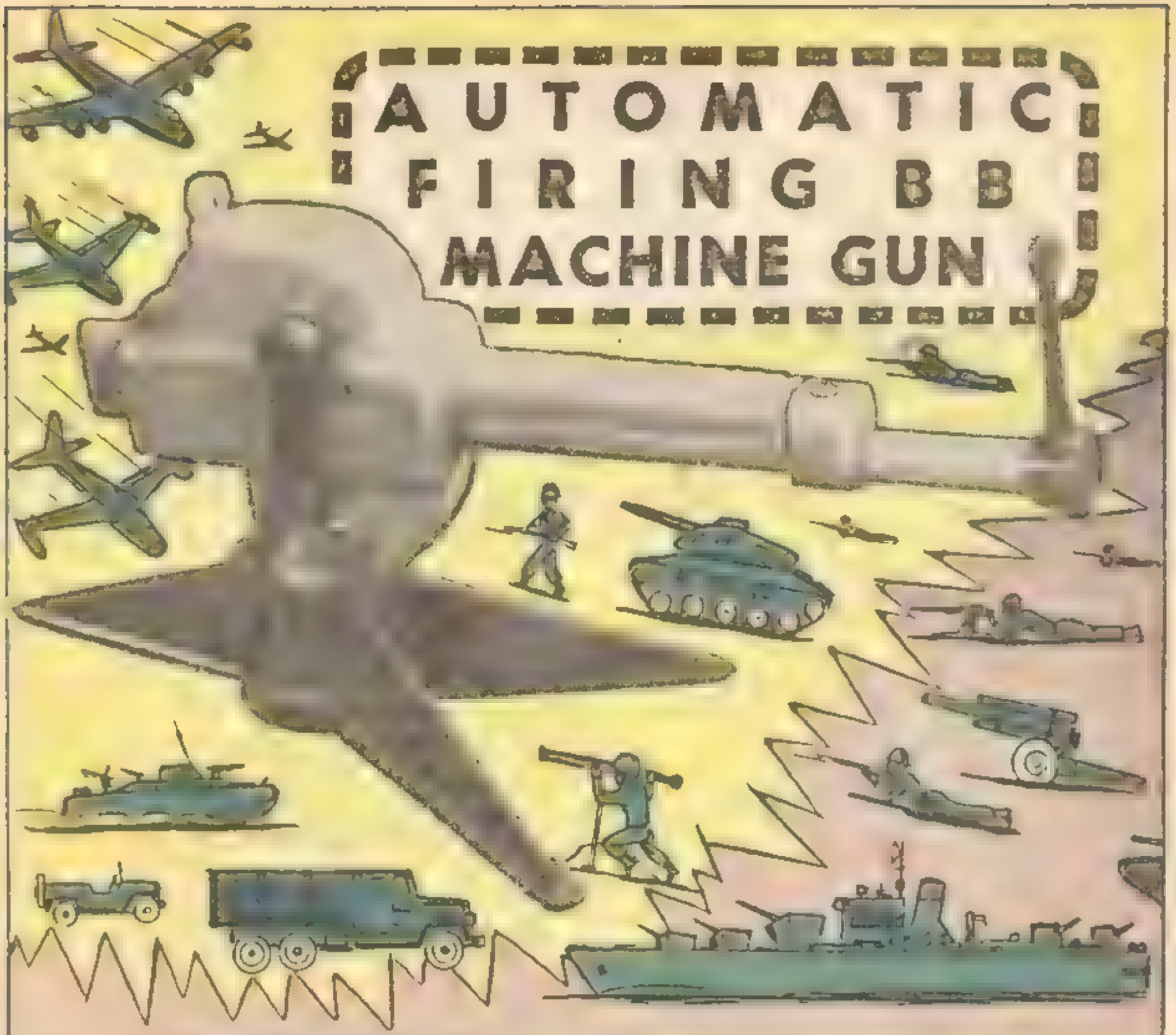

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the ACE of MIG ALLEY

MIG ALLEY IS A HUNK OF SKY IN NORTH KOREA ABOUT TEN MILES FROM MANCHURIA, THE "HANDS-OFF" SANCTUARY OF THE COMMIE AIR FORCE! WE GYRENE JET JOCKEYS WEREN'T ALLOWED TO CROSS THE MANCHURIAN BORDER IN THE AIR, BUT THE RED MIGS COULD COME OVER TO KOREA ANY TIME THEY WANTED! AND WHEN THEY DID, THEY ALWAYS WENT TO THE SAME PLACE ONLY TEN MILES AWAY FROM THEIR MANCHURIAN BASE, SO THAT THEY COULD RUN HOME WHEN THINGS GOT HOT! WE CALLED THAT PLACE IN NORTHWEST KOREA... MIG ALLEY, WHERE THE COMMIE CATS COME TO PLAY!

HEY, LOOKIE! RACE RAYBORN GOT HIS FIRST ONE!

THAT'S ONE COMMIE PUSSY-CAT THAT WON'T BE PLAYING AROUND MIG ALLEY ANY MORE!

PATS ON YOUR BRAIN BUCKET," RACE.. BUT YOUR "KILL" SCARED AWAY ALL THE OTHERS! THEY'RE TORCHING BACK TO MANCHURIA!

SORRY, CAPTAIN...AND THANKS FOR THE PATS!

*CRASH HELMET

THE DISTANCE FROM MIG ALLEY TO OUR BASE IN SOUTH KOREA WAS ABOUT THE SAME AS BETWEEN NEW YORK CITY AND WASHINGTON D.C.! IN OUR BANSHEE JETS, THAT MEANT LESS THAN AN HOUR OF FLY-TIME...

SARGE! LIEUTENANT RAYBORN IS MAKING A VICTORY ROLL!

YEAH! THAT MEANS OUR BOY BAGGED HIMSELF A *MIG CAT! YA-HOO!* GET THE PAINT AND BRUSH, RIVETS!

CONGRATS, LIEUTENANT! RIVETS S ALL SET TO PA NT THE F RST HAMMER AND SICKLE ON YOUR BANSHEE'S SCHNOZ!

YOU'RE ON YOUR WAY TO BEING AN ACE, SIR!

SURE, I WANTED TO BE AN ACE...EVERY PILOT DID... AND THEY ALL HAD THEIR REASONS...

I DON'T WANT IT FOR MYSELF... IT'S ALL FOR THOSE BEAUTIFUL GIRLS BACK HOME!

THAT WAS "HOT ROCK" HANSON'S REASON! BILL BORSKI'S WAS COMPLETELY OPPOSITE...

I *DO* WANT IT FOR *MYSELF*... TO PROVE I'M *GOOD* ENOUGH!

CAPTAIN "KING" KELLNER SHOWED US HIS REASON...

I BOUGHT THESE GOLD LEAFS A YEAR AGO... BEING AN ACE MIGHT HELP GET ME *PROMOTED!*

WHAT'S YOUR REASON, RACE?

I DON'T KNOW! GUESS I DON'T HAVE ONE!

YOU'VE GOT TO HAVE A REASON! EVERYBODY'S GOT ONE! IF YOU DON'T, THEN YOU'LL NEVER MAKE IT, 'CAUSE YOU DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO GIVE YOU THE DRIVE!

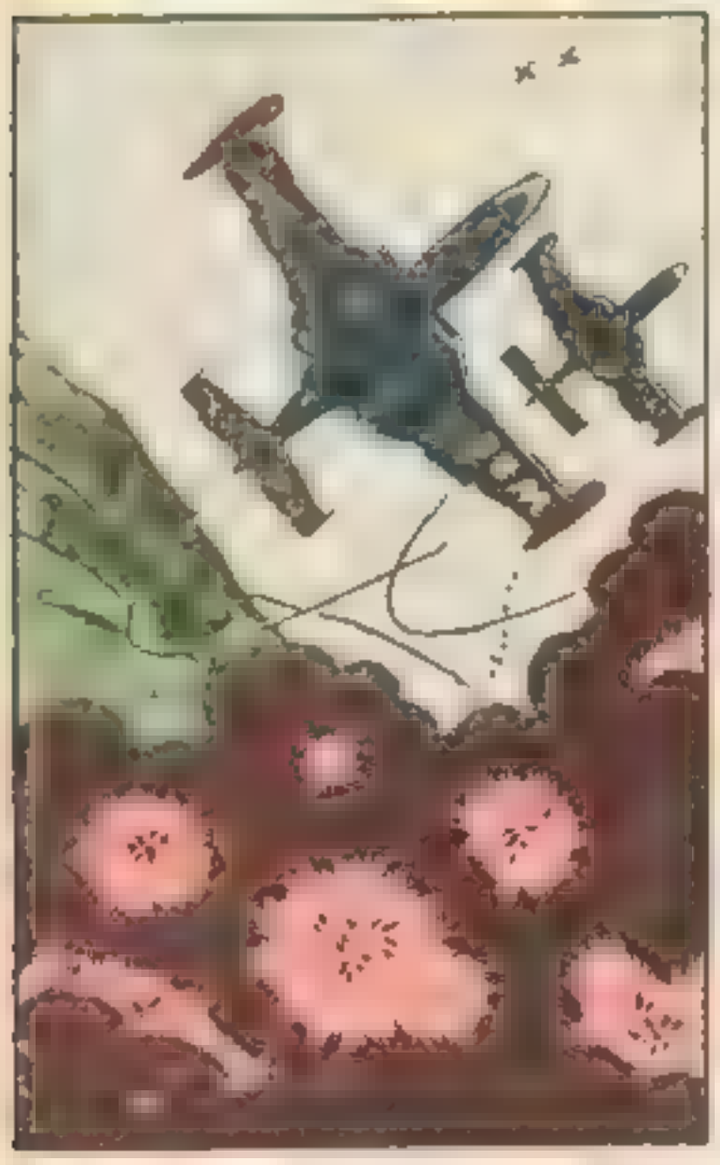
KING'S RIGHT, RACE! IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE WHAT THE REASON IS... *AS LONG AS YOU'VE GOT ONE!*

OF COURSE THEY WERE RIGHT, AND THAT NIGHT IN THE TENT, AS I LAY IN MY BEDROLL, I FOUND MY REASON...

DANNY'S NOT MY REAL SON... BUT I MARRIED HIS MOTHER AFTER HER HUSBAND GOT SHOT DOWN IN KOREA, BECAUSE I LOVE HER... AND HER SON! HE NEVER TOOK TO ME, BUT I'D GIVE ANYTHING IF HE'D WRITE TO ME OR CALL ME "DAD" ONCE! I'D EVEN BECOME THE *ACE OF MIG ALLEY!"*

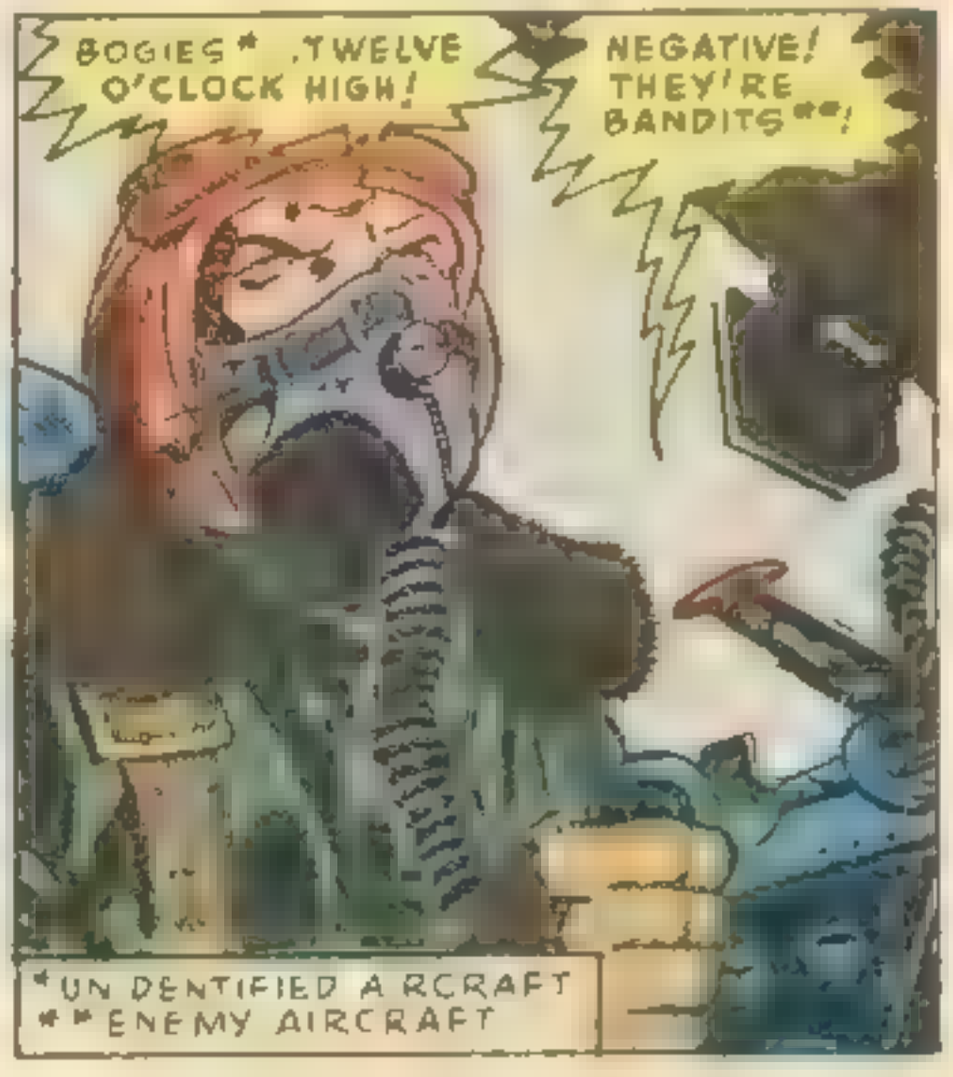
I WROTE MY WIFE AND SON ABOUT THE FIRST MIG I SHOT DOWN, AND THEN I WAS ALL SET TO GO OUT AND NAIL NO. 2...

"ROAD RECON AND INTERDICTION". THAT WAS MILITARY LINGO FOR "GO OUT AND BUST BRIDGES, LARRUP LOCOMOTIVES AND CLOBBER CONVOYS"! AND WE WENT OUT AND INTERDICTED...



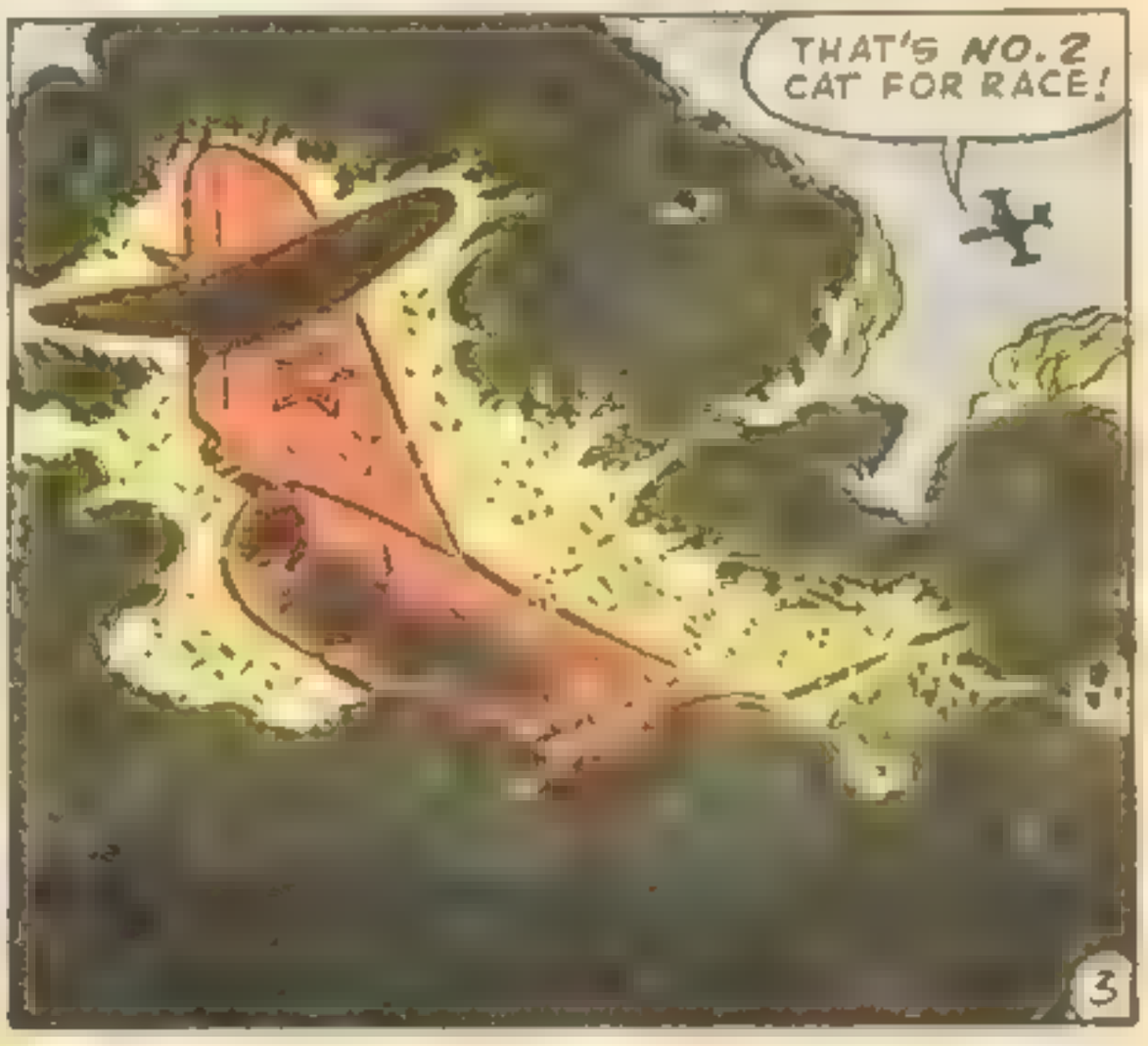
THEN WE SPOTTED A LOCOMOTIVE RUNNING FOR A TUNNEL...

AS KING KELLNER STARTED DOWN, I CAUGHT A GLINT IN THE DISTANT SKY...



AT THE SAME TIME THAT KING'S ROCKETS STARTED TO CHEW UP THE COMMIE LOCOMOTIVE, THE MIGS CAME STREAKING IN TO GET HIM! I PRESSED THE BUTTON ON MY STICK AND MY FOUR CANNONS BLAZED TOWARD THE SPACE IN FRONT OF THE LEADING MIG...

THE CANNON SHELLS AND THE SPEEDING MIG GOT TO THE SPOT AT THE SAME TIME, AND WHEN THEY MET, THE COMMIE JET GOT A BIG BANG OUT OF IT..



I WROTE TO MY WIFE AND DANNY ABOUT THAT VICTORY TOO, HOPING HE'D WRITE ME A LETTER...MY WIFE DID, BUT NOT DANNY...

"...AND REMEMBER, RACE DARLING, THAT DANNY'S FATHER HAD THREE VICTORIES WHEN HE WAS SHOT DOWN...SO I'M SURE THAT IF YOU GET ONE MORE, THEN IN DANNY'S MIND YOU'LL BE AS GOOD AS HIS DAD WAS AND IT MAY CHANGE THINGS!"

YEAH! THAT ONE MORE *MIGHT* DO IT!

BUT GETTING NO. 5 WAS A ROUGH AND DRAGGED-OUT DETAIL, BECAUSE THOSE MIG ALLEY CATS WOULDN'T FIGHT UNLESS THEY HAD US OUTNUMBERED, AND THEN THEY'D ONLY COME OUT FOR ONE PASS...

AND THAT ONE PASS IS JUST WHAT I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR...*BINGO* NUMBER THREE!

AND THAT DID IT...TWO WEEKS LATER, I GOT MY FIRST LETTER FROM DANNY, BUT LOOK WHAT HE CALLED ME...

Dear Mr. Rayborn,

I read in the paper about the third red plane you shot down and it made me happy because now you're as famous as my daddy was! He was going to become an ace, he told me so! There's nothing greater than a U.S. Marine Ace! I hope you get to be one!

Danny

I'LL *DO* IT ... FOR *HIM!*

HERE'S SOME ORDERS THAT JUST CAME IN THAT MIGHT INTEREST YOU, CAPTAIN RAYBORN!

CAPTAIN?

WHAT'S THE MATTER, SIR... AREN'T YOU HAPPY ABOUT THE PROMOTION?

OF COURSE... BUT THESE ORDERS ALSO SAY THAT I'M TO PROCEED TO THE U.S. FOR ASSIGNMENT AS AN INSTRUCTOR..AFTER SEVENTY-FIVE MISSIONS!

THAT'S RIGHT, CAPTAIN!

BUT I'VE ALREADY GOT SEVENTY-FOUR! HOW CAN I DOWN *TWO MORE MIGS* FOR DANNY IN *ONE* MISSION?

I GOT AN IDEA... BUT I NEEDED KING KELLNER'S HELP...

AFTER A SOB STORY LIKE THAT, HOW CAN I REFUSE TO LET YOU LEAD MY FLIGHT ELEMENT IN TOMORROW'S MISSION?

THANKS, KING... YOU'RE A REAL BLOOD!

I TOLD MY PLAN TO THE OTHER THREE PILOTS IN MY ELEMENT THE NEXT MORNING, AND AFTER WE WERE AIRBORNE FOR MIG ALLEY, WE PUT THE PLAN INTO ACTION...

KING, YOU AND HOT-ROCK KEEP GOING! BILL AND I WILL HEAD OFF COURSE OUT TOWARD THE YELLOW SEA!

ROGER AND WILCO, RACE!

I'M SURE THE REDS MUST'VE LICKED THE R CHOPS WHEN THEY SAW ONLY TWO JETS, K NG'S AND HOT-ROCK'S COM.NG UP THE LSUAL ROUTE FROM THE SOUTH INTO MiG ALLEY...

THERE ARE FOUR OF US AND ONLY TWO OF THEM! WE ATTACK!

YES, COMRADE MAJOR!

KING AND HOT-ROCK DECOYED THE FOUR MIGS FARTHER FROM THE MANCHURIAN BORDER, AND *THAT'S* WHEN BILL BORGKI AND I CAME IN FROM THE YELLOW SEA, SQUEEZING IN BETWEEN THE REDS AND MANCHURIA...

NOW THERE ARE *FOUR* YANKEE PLANES, COMRADE MAJOR! TWO IN FRONT... AND TWO BEHIND! THEY TRY TO *TRAP* US!

WE MUST FIGHT OUR WAY BACK TO MANCHURIA!

AS THE MIGS RUDDERED INTO A TIGHT TURN, THEY SILHOUETTED THEMSELVES AND HOT-ROCK AND BILL GOT THEMSELVES ONE EACH!

KING AND I WENT CHASING AFTER THE OTHER TWO AS THEY FULL THROTTLED SIDE BY SIDE TOWARD MANCHURIA! KING WAS AHEAD OF ME AND IN LINE FOR THE KILL...

GO AHEAD, KING! THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO BE AN ACE AND A MAJOR! WHAT'RE YOU HOLDING YOUR FIRE FOR?

FOR *YOU* AND DANNY, RACE! TAKE OVER! CLOBBER 'EM WITH YOJR CANNONS!

I LET LOOSE WITH ALL FOUR CANN N? AND I SAW MY TRACERS RAM N ONE OF THE M G S AF [illegible]-BURNER!

THAT ONE THAT BLEW UP IS TAKING THE OTHER M G WITH IT!

THAT MADE ME THE ACE OF MIG ALLEY...THANKS TO A GREAT GUY!

AW, QUIT HAND NG ME ALL THE BOKAYS! *YOU* THOUGHT OF THE PLAN, D.DN T YOU?

YEAH! BUT JLST THE SAME, IN MY BOOK, KING, YOU' LL ALWAYS BE A FIVE-STAR GENERAL!

I WAS SHIPPED HOME AND MY HOME TOWN GAVE ME A REAL HERO'S WELCOME! BUT THE ONE WORD DANNY SHOUTED WHEN HE SAW ME WAS WORTH EVERY TRIP I'D MADE INTO MIG ALLEY!

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AND NOW THAT WE HAVE ALL YOUR CARGO ABOARD OUR SHIP AND YOUR PASSENGERS' VALUABLES, CAPITAN, WE GO...

COMODORO! AMERICANO WARSHIP APPROACHES!

MAC L. PAKULA

IT'S A PIRATE SHIP ATTACKING HER AND SHE'S FLEEING AWAY FROM HER! LET US GIVE CHASE FOR A RUN!

SEND A WARNING SHOT ACROSS HER BOW!

WE BETTER SURRENDER, COMODORO, OR THE BIG AMERICANO GUNS WILL SINK US!

NO! MAKE FULL SPEED FOR THE SHALLOW COVES... WHERE THE BIG AMERICANO SHIP CANNOT FOLLOW!

THE PIRATE CRAFT IS PAYING NO RESPECT FOR OUR WARNING SHOT, COMMODORE! SHE'S MAKING A RUN FOR IT!

AFTER HER_WITH BOW GUNS F.RING!

CANNON BALLS BRACKETED THE PIRATE SHIP...

THEY ARE GAINING ON US, COMODORO!

SI' BUT SOON THE CHASE WILL END' WE APPROACH A COVE!

THE RUGGED COASTLINES OF THE WEST INDIES ISLANDS ARE CARVED WITH HUNDREDS OF COVES, AND INTO ONE OF THEM, SAILED THE SMALL PIRATE SHIP..

SEE? THE AMERICANO WARSHIP IS TOO BIG TO FOLLOW US INTO THESE SHALLOW WATERS! IF IT DID, IT WOULD RIP OPEN ITS HULL! SO WE HAVE OUTFOXED THEM AGAIN!

AND IN THAT SIMPLE WAY, THE WEST INDIES PIRATES ESCAPED CAPTURE FOR OVER FOUR YEARS, DURING WHICH TIME ONE OF OUR GREATEST NAVAL HEROES, COMMODORE OLIVER H. PERRY, DIED OF YELLOW FEVER WHILE ON HIS WAY TO VENEZUELA IN THE FIGHT AGAINST THE PIRATES..

I SHALL DO EVERYTHING IN MY POWER TO CARRY OUT HIS PLANS!

THE MAN WHO HAD MADE THAT VOW WAS COMMODORE JAMES BIDDLE, U.S NAVY..

AND SOON AFTER THAT, THE WEST INDIES PIRATES LAUGHED AT THE STRANGE CRAFT WHICH CAME TO SWEEP THEM OFF THE SEAS..

COMMODORE PERRY'S PLANS WERE TO FIGHT THE PIRATES IN THEIR ***OWN*** LAIRS! ON HIS RETURN FROM VENEZUELA, HE WAS GOING TO ASK FOR SCHOONERS, ROW-BARGES...AND EVEN FLAT-BOTTOMED FERRY BOATS FOR THE NAVY!

HA! THE GREAT AMERICANO NAVY SENDS A ***FERRY BOAT*** TO FIGHT US!

THE FERRY BOAT HAS CANNONS MOUNTED ON IT... AND UNITED STATES MARINES ABOARD!

QUICK! FILL THE SAILS FOR THE COVES!

THIS TIME THE AMERICANO CRAFT FOLLOWS US INTO SHALLOW WATERS!

SI! NOW WE KNOW WHY THEY USE FLAT-BOTTOMED FERRY BOATS AS WARSHIPS... SO THEY CAN FOLLOW US... LIKE MOSQUITOS!

THAT WAS OUR NAVY'S FIRST "MOSQUITO FLEET," AND AFTER THAT, EVERY COVE FROM SAN DOMINGO TO THE ISLE OF PINES WAS A BATTLEFIELD, AS THE U.S. MARINES FOUGHT PIRATES IN THEIR OWN WEST INDIES HIDE-OUTS AT SEA...

THE FIGHTING MARINES HOPPED FROM COVE TO COVE DURING THE NEXT FOUR YEARS FROM 1821 TO 1825 AND DURING THAT TIME THEIR MOSQUITO FLEET CAPTURED 65 PIRATE SHIPS!

AND WE'LL KEEP CLEANING OUT THE COVES UNTIL THERE ISN'T A PIRATE SHIP LEFT!

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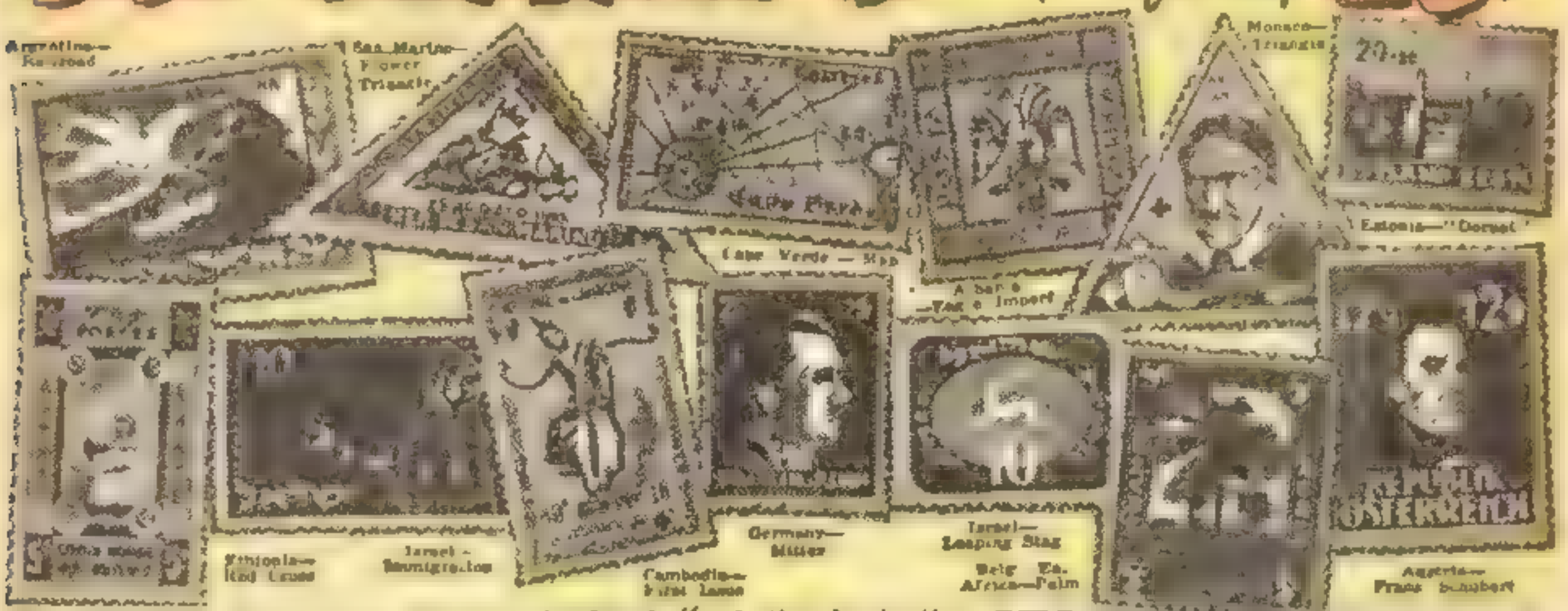

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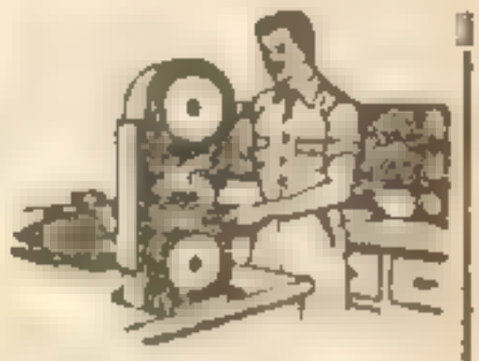

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had passed, the nobles were once more summoned to the king's presence.

"We await your kingly orders," de Giac said for himself and the others.

"You may depart against de Brissot," the king said. "I have decided this is only partly a task for soldiers."

"What do you mean, Majesty?" de Giac asked.

"Your only task, in fact," the king continued, "will be to help the small force I have already sent to Brissot. Then you will take both castle and town."

"But the defenses . . . !"

"Ah yes, the defenses; they're difficult, aren't they?" The king mused. He rose. "I must walk in my garden, my friends."

Later in the day, the Barons and Counts had assembled their waiting vassals and their entire entourage of over two thousand fighting men. Though the force was well armed, their only weapons of assault were some crude catapults copied from old Roman designs.

"The king expects miracles," de Giac growled. "There is no new way of starving the town out. De Brissot is clever; he probably has supplies stored for a year's siege. By that time we will have to give up and go home."

The Count de Poligny said, in his thoughtful way, "Perhaps we could fling barrels of burning pitch over the walls and try to burn the town down behind the castle."

"We shall try it, of course," de Giac continued, still annoyed. "But it will do little good. De Brissot has many rain cisterns and plenty of water. Besides, the most of the houses are of stone, like the castle." He stared back at the catapults being pulled by horses. "A few pebble hurlers against walls like de Brissot's . . . bah!"

"We have two thousand men," commented de Poligny.

"What good are they unless they are within the castle and town?"

The march to Brissot took four days, through chill weather and rain, for the autumn was approaching. Nevertheless, de Giac forced his march, only too anxious to arrive at the scene where the men the king had already sent were at work.

The walls of Brissot were sighted near noon of the fourth day. That resistance was already under way was obvious from the display of war flags from the turrets of the castle and town. About seven hundred

men were already drawn up before the besieged castle. At least two hundred of them carried no arms whatever.

Behind a huge wooden screen, excavations were going on. And from them came wisps of smoke.

"So it is you!" exclaimed de Giac, as he beheld the person of the king's chief road engineer emerge from the mouth of the excavation and come toward the nobles. On all sides the men they had brought were deploying with the rest in battle array.

The engineer bowed low before de Giac.

"I bear orders from the king himself," the man said.

"To tunnel into the castle?" De Giac asked. "But that would allow only a few men at a time to engage the enemy!"

The other did not answer him, for there was a sudden shout from the opening of the tunnel, and bigger clouds of smoke began to pour forth.

"It was the king's order that you hold yourself ready to attack the castle the moment his plan had succeeded," the engineer said.

Suddenly there was a roaring sound. Everyone got clear of the tunnel's mouth.

"Look there!" the king's engineer shouted.

De Giac followed the man's gesture. Before them, towered the walls of the great castle of de Brissot, impregnable to assault. For a moment nothing seemed to happen, but then the earth began to shake. Denser and denser clouds of smoke poured from the tunnel's mouth.

Then, with a shuddering rumble, a wide section of the thick castle wall quivered and collapsed in tumbling ruin. De Giac could peer through the gap straight into the courtyard of the now defenseless castle.

"We dug beneath the foundations of the walls, set up wood supports and then set fire to them. They have burned through . . . and thus the walls above collapsed into the hole beneath!" The engineer shouted.

De Poligny glanced wryly at de Giac.

"A simple operation," he said. "Well, it is time to teach Hugh de Brissot submission to his master, Charles the Simple of France!"

De Giac gave the signal to sound the attack.

And then, twenty-seven hundred men moved forward, their victory now a foregone conclusion.

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BLAM!

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AND THEY ALSO KNEW THERE WERE ONLY TWO BAZOOKA ROCKETS LEFT IN THE ENTIRE OUTFIT...

WANT ME TO CLOBBER THE REDS NOW, CAP'N?

NEGATIVE, GUNNY! WE'LL USE *LAST ROCKETS* ONLY WHEN WE'RE IN A TIGHT SPOT AND ARE *FORCED* TO USE THEM!

WHAT DOES HE CALL THE SPOT WE'RE IN RIGHT *NOW*? HOW COULD IT BE ANY WORSE?

LIKE THAT!

TWO RED TANKS TURNING TO OUTFLANK AND CUT OFF OUR REAR GUARD 4TH PLATOON!

AYE!

YEAH, GUNNY... *THIS* IS THE KIND OF TIGHT SPOT I HAD IN MIND! YOU AND *IRON MIKE* CAN GO INTO BUSINESS RIGHT HERE AND NOW!

AYE, AYE, SIR!

"GUNNY" GORSKI HOISTED THE 3.5-INCH LAUNCHER ON HIS RIGHT SHOULDER WHILE "IRON MIKE" McGRAW SHOVED ONE OF THE PRECIOUS LAST ROCKETS INTO THE BREECH! THEN HE TAPPED HIS PAL ON THE SHOULDER...

SWOO

UP! *

OOOSH!

* SIGNAL LOADER GIVES GUNNER THAT LAUNCHER IS LOADED AND READY FOR FIRING!

GUNNY'S AIM WAS PERFECT AND ONE OF THE TWO TANKS TRYING TO CUT OFF THE GYRENES 4th PLATOON WAS HIS PRIZE!

THE MARINES STILL HAVE BAZOOKAS IN ACTION! OVER THERE ..KNOCK IT OUT!

YES, LIEUTENANT!

BUT GUNNY AND IRON MIKE BEAT THE REDS TO THE BOOM AND THEIR SWOOSHING ROCKET...

RAMMED INTO THE ENEMY TANK...

WELL DONE, MARINES! THAT PULLED OUR 4th PLATOON OUT OF THE FIRE, AND THE COMMIE TANKS ARE BACKING OUT AGAIN!

ALL WE'VE GOT LEFT TO USE AGAINST THEIR TANKS ARE GRENADES AND GARANDS!

WHAT *THEY DON'T* KNOW WON'T HURT *US*... BUT WHAT *WE* DON'T KNOW, *WILL!* HOW'D YOU TWO LIKE TO PEEK IN ON THEIR COMMIE POWWOW?

DEE-LIGHTED, CAP'N!

THAT RED *TANK ATTACK* HAS BEEN SHOVING US BACK FOR THREE DAYS, IRON MIKE... LUCKY WE HAD MINES AND ROCKETS TO SLOW THEM DOWN!

AYE... BUT NOW WE'RE OUT OF *BOTH!* BUT THE REDS AREN'T OUT OF TANKS! WONDER HOW MANY THEY'VE GOT LEFT?

EXACTLY EIGHT, IRON MIKE... COUNT 'EM YOURSELF!

YEAH... AND THAT'S *EIGHT TOO MANY!*

THEY WENT INTO THAT HUT AND LEFT ONLY A COUPLE OF GUYS OUTSIDE ON GUARD!

THEY'RE PROBABLY TRYING TO FIGURE OUT *WHERE* AND *HOW* TO HIT OUR LINE WITH THEIR *TANK ATTACK* IN THE MORNING!

LOOKS LIKE THEY'VE ALREADY FIGURED THAT OUT AND ARE CELEBRATING...

I TRIPPED OVER SOMETHING!

THE REDS INSIDE DIDN'T HEAR THE RACKET! BUT THE TWO GUARDS DID! I HEAR THEIR FOOTSTEPS COMING THIS WAY!

THE TWO MARINES CIRCLED THE HUT AND CAME UP *BEHIND* THE TWO RED GUARDS AND...

SMA

K!

OOPS! HERE I GO AGAIN!

WHAT *IS* THAT THING I KEEP TRIPPING OVER, IRON MIKE?

A PORTABLE ACETYLENE TANK AND TORCH, GUNNY! AND WITH THIS GEAR, WE CAN STOP THE REDS' *NEXT TANK ATTACK!*

WHEN DAWN CAME OVER THE KOREAN HILLS, THE TWO TIRED GYRENES RETURNED TO THEIR LINES...

WHAT'D YOU FIND OUT? IS THERE GOING TO BE *ANOTHER TANK ATTACK?*

WE DON'T KNOW, CAP'N... BUT IF THERE *IS*, IT'LL BE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT!

HA! A MARINE PATROL HAS BEEN HERE DURING THE NIGHT, BUT THEY COULDN'T DAMAGE OUR TANK CONTROLS BECAUSE WE HAD OUR TANK HATCHES BOLTED AND LOCKED!

NOW WE GO TO REPAY THE VISIT... WITH A *TANK ATTACK!*

THE FOX COMPANY MARINES WATCHED THE RED SQUADRON OF EIGHT TANKS COME CREEPING TOWARD THEM...

THERE THEY ARE!

COMMENCE FIRING!

EVERY BIG GUN AND EVERY MACHINE GUN ON THE RED TANKS BOOMED, AND EVERY BIG GUN AND MACHINE-GUN BARREL DROPPED OFF THEIR TANKS!

BLAM!

OUT OF THE TRENCHES CLIMBED THE U.S. MARINES! AND THEY CHARGED TOWARD THE TANKS WITH GUNFIRE-TIPPED GARANDS!

SO THE COMMIE TANK CREWS SURRENDERED...

IF IT WAS NOT FOR THE *INFERIOR* STEEL OUR TANK GUNS WERE MADE FROM, THIS WOULD NOT HAVE HAPPENED!

OH, YES IT WOULD'VE, MAJOR! BECAUSE IT WAS TWO *SUPERIOR MARINES*, WHO *CUT* ALL YOUR GUN BARRELS HALF-THROUGH WITH YOUR *OWN BLOWTORCH* LAST NIGHT!

THE END

DAVY TO THE RESCUE!

WHOOP!

HELP!

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UH-OH!

HEY! TURN THAT GAL LOOSE!

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